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TAGS: PINS VE SW

SUBJ: ATTEMPT TO KIDNAP SWEDISH DIPLOMAT

1. ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY JOURNAL REPORTS MAY 17 THAT LAJY ENGSTROM, ATTACHE OF THE SWEDISH EMBASSY HERE, WHO IS ABOUT TO BE TRANSFERRED, RECEIVED A PHONE CALL AT HIS HOME NIGHT OF MAY 16 INFORMING HIM THAT HE, TOGETHER WITH THE DEPARTING ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR, WERE TO BE DECORATED BY THE GOV IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY AND AT A PRIVATE HOME IN CARACAS. THE CALLERS OFFERED TO SEND A CAR TO PICK UP ENGSTROM. ENGSTROM PHONED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR FOR CONFIRMATION. NEITHER HAD EVER HEARD OF THE MATTER. PRESS ACCOUNT STATES THAT ENGSTROM RELATED THE AFFAIR TO THREATS BY GERMAN SUPPORTERS OF THE BADER-MEINHOFF GANG TO SEIZE A SWEDISH DIPLOMAT AS HOSTAGE FOR SIXTEEN SWEDES WHO ARE TO TESTIFY AGAINST THE MEINHOFF GANG AT THEIR FORTH-COMING TRIAL.

2.COMMENT. THE SWEDISH EMBASSY TELLS US THAT THE PRESS ACCOUNT OF THIS CLUMSY ATTEMPT IS SUBSTANTIALLY ACCURATE, BUT THAT ENGSTROM'S THEORIZING THAT THE AFFAIR IS RELATED TO SUPPORTERS OF THE BADER-MEINHOFF GANG IS NO MORE THAN
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THEORIZING. SWEDISH EMBASSY DOES NOW KNOW HOW THE DAILY

JOURNAL GOT THE STORY BUT BELIEVES PAPER WAS TIPPED OFF BY
AN OFFICIAL VENEZUELAN SOURCE. SWEDISH EMBASSY HAS
ASKED THE GOV FOR GUARDS FOR ITS CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE, AND
HAS INCREASED ITS SECURITY PRECAUTIONS AS THE VENEZUELAN
POLICE INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.

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